

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF
FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE AT CHICAGO**

PART A - PERSONAL DATA

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 - (a) FULL NAME:
 - (b) OTHER NAMES BY WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN KNOWN:
 - (c) BUSINESS NAME:
BUSINESS ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:
PHONE: ()

HOME ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:
PHONE: ()
 - (d) DATE OF BIRTH:
PLACE OF BIRTH:

If you are a naturalized citizen, provide date and place of naturalization:
2. Are you related by blood or through marriage to any judge of this Court? If yes, provide the name(s) and the relationship(s):

3. MILITARY SERVICE:

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DATES OF SERVICE</u>	<u>RANK/RATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</u>
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If you are still a reserve or national guard member, give branch, unit and present rank:

If you did not receive an Honorable Discharge, please explain:

4. Have you been screened for this position or any other judicial position by any bar association or other body? If so, state the approximate date of each screening, fully describe each finding, and attach a copy of each finding in your possession. For any such finding or report that you do not possess, please provide a signed authorization that allows the Committee to obtain a copy.

5. (a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or been given an order of supervision for a misdemeanor except a minor traffic offense?
- (b) If so, state the facts and circumstances fully including date, court and disposition. Use a separate attachment.
6. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social or public service activities in the past five years, including any posts or offices held, and honors or awards received.

PART B - EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

7. (a) High School:
Date Graduated:
- (b) College: **Include non-legal graduate work.**
- | <u>School</u> | <u>Attendance Dates</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Degree</u> |
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(c) Honors, Awards, etc.

8. Describe any other formal education or courses (omitting primary and legal).

9. Legal: **Include all law schools attended.**

(a)	<u>School</u>	<u>Attendance Dates</u>	<u>Degree</u>
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(b) State, in detail, any honors, awards, law review, extra-curricular writing or research project, and other activities or achievements.

10. (a) List all seminars, symposia, lectures, or legal meetings in the nature of continuing legal education which you have attended in the past five years. For each, state the date, place, sponsoring organization, and subject(s).
- (b) State the same for any in which you have participated as a speaker, lecturer, panelist, etc., identifying your role and subject(s) or topic(s).

11. If you have ever taught at a law school, state the name of the school(s), date(s), subject(s), your title, status, or role.

12. Describe any non-legal teaching or lecturing you have done.

PART C - PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND¹

13. (a) When were you admitted to practice in Illinois?

(b) How long have you practiced in Illinois?

(c) Name all other states, courts, and administrative agencies or tribunals before which you have been admitted to practice, and provide dates admitted, whether you are currently admitted, and whether you actively practice law there now. Do not include special admission for a particular case.

Court, Agency, etc.

Date

Current

Active

¹Sitting judges: please complete the sections of Part C that apply to you, along with item 27.

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Court, Agency, etc.

Date

Current

Active

14. Do you actively practice law in any other state?

If yes, describe the extent and nature of the practice.

15. If you have written any articles, treatises, text, textbook or handbook chapters or other writings on legal matters which have been published, please specify the writings. For each, provide the complete citation including publisher, date, title, and subject matter and list the names and current office addresses and phone numbers of any person(s) who co-authored, collaborated or assisted you in the writing or research. Use a separate attachment. Please include a writing sample.

16. Bar Associations and Activities.

List all national, state, local, specialty, honorary, and other associations or other legal societies to which you have belonged. For each, state committee membership and other activity, any offices held, whether you are currently a member in good standing and, if not, why.

17. List any judicial or quasi-judicial office you have ever held. Use drop-down menu to indicate full-time or part-time. Do not include any present judicial office you hold. Provide the reasons or circumstances for leaving.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>	<u>Period of Service</u>
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18. List any experience you have had serving as an arbitrator or mediator.

<u>Office (Mediator, Arbitrator)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attorneys or Parties</u>	<u>Affiliation, e.g., AAA, JAMS/EnDispute, Court Sponsored, etc.</u>
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19. List any elective public office you have ever held (other than judicial or quasi-judicial).

<u>Office</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period of Service</u>
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20. List any elective public office for which you have been an unsuccessful candidate.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
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21. List any appointive public office you have ever held (other than judicial or quasi-judicial).
Use the drop-down menu to indicate full-time or part-time.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Location</u>
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<u>Duties</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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Office

Location

Duties

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Dates

22. Present professional practice or occupational status, whether law-related or not. Start with your current job and work backwards including all jobs from the date you completed law school. Use a separate attachment, if necessary.

(A) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

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Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(B) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(C) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(D) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(E) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

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Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(F) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

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Reason for Leaving:

Name, current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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(G) Employer:

Address:

Phone: ()

Dates of Employment:

Salary or Net Income:

Title (solo, senior partner, associate or other) and Responsibilities:

Reason for Leaving:

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Name current address, and phone number of any partners, associates, office sharers or organizational co-workers and superiors. If the number exceeds five, list the five most senior.

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23. (a) Indicate the approximate percentage of your time, during the past ten years, devoted to the following types of practice.² Litigation includes actual time in court or trial preparation time. "Court" indicates the federal and state judicial system. "Other Tribunal" indicates quasi-judicial bodies, *e.g.*, Industrial Commission, NLRB hearings. "Non-Litigation" indicates practice not involving litigation.

Type of Practice	Litigation Court %	Litigation Other Tribunal %	Non-Litigation %
Antitrust and Trade Regulation			
Bankruptcy			
Chancery (Matrimonial)			
Chancery (Other)			
Corporate and Securities			
Criminal (Felony)			
Criminal (Misdemeanor & Traffic)			
Environmental			
Labor Relations			

² Sitting Judges should complete questions 23, 24, 25 and 36 for the five years preceding their judicial experience.

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Type of Practice	Litigation Court %	Litigation Other Tribunal %	Non-Litigation %
Patent			
Probate and Estate Planning			
Real Estate			
State and Local Government			
Tax (Federal)			
Tax (State, Local)			
Tort (Personal Injury)			
Tort (P.D., Subrogation)			
Worker's Compensation			
Other:			
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Other:			

(b) What percentage of your practice before a court was in the following:

(1) Federal Courts:

(2) State & Local Courts:

(3) Administrative Bodies:

(4) Military Courts:

(5) Other (specify):

TOTAL:

100%

- (c) Summarize the extent of your federal litigation experience. Use a separate attachment, if necessary.

24. Trial experience during the past five years. Please indicate the number of cases in each of the following categories:

(a) As lead trial counsel

Jury cases to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

Jury cases started
that did not go to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

Bench cases to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

Bench cases started
that did not go to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

(b) As counsel assisting at trial:

Jury cases to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

Jury cases started
that did not go to verdict:

Civil: Criminal:

Bench cases to verdict

Civil: Criminal:

Bench cases started
that did not go to verdict:

Civil: Criminal:

- (c) List the last ten (10) cases that proceeded through discovery, including names of opposing attorneys (including telephone numbers) and judges, indicating whether these were jury or bench trials (J/B) and whether they went to verdict (V/NV).

J/B V/NV

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- 10.

25. Appellate Practice.

(a) How many cases have you personally handled as principal counsel on appeal?

How many cases have you orally argued?

List the five most recent cases. Check "A" if argued by you.

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Opposing Counsel</u> <u>(with telephone number)</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>"A"</u>
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Using a separate attachment, briefly summarize the issues involved in each appeal.

(b) How many cases on appeal have you personally handled in part?

List the five most recent. Check "B" if you appeared on the brief.

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Opposing Counsel</u> <u>(with telephone number)</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>"B"</u>
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Using a separate attachment, briefly summarize the issues involved in each appeal.

26. Non-Law Related. Professional and Occupational Background.

- (a) List all professional or occupational licenses (other than law) which you have ever had. Check "C" If the license is still current.

<u>License</u>	<u>Issuing Authority</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>"C"</u>
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- (b) Has any such license ever been revoked or suspended or has your conduct been the subject of other discipline or complaint to the licensing authority or its disciplinary body?

If so, state fully the facts and circumstances and the disposition. Use separate attachment

- (c) Describe fully all non-law related professions or occupations pursued since your first admission to the bar, giving dates, company names, duties, job titles, salary, and reasons for leaving, etc. Use a separate attachment if necessary.

27. JUDICIAL SERVICE (To be completed by present and former judicial officers only).

(a) Present Judicial Duties and Schedule:

Describe your present assignment, including the date it began, the location and courtroom, the nature of your call and duties, the names and phone numbers of the presiding judge and of your supervising judge, if any. Use a separate attachment if necessary.

(b) Previous Judicial Duties:

Beginning with the most recent assignment before your present one, describe, in inverse order, each other judicial assignment, giving the same information requested in 27(a) above, and the inclusive dates of each assignment. If there have been interrupted periods of judicial service, so indicate. Use a separate attachment if necessary.

- (c) In your present assignment, indicate the average number of hours per court day spent:

On the bench (trials, motions, etc.):

In chambers (pre-trial, research, etc.):

Other (indicate hours and specify activities):

If your present judicial assignment has been for fewer than two full years, also provide the above information for the most recent two full years preceding the commencement of your present assignment.

On the bench (trials, motions, etc.):

In chambers (pre-trial, research, etc.):

Other (indicate hours and specify activities):

- (d) How many days have you been absent from your judicial duties in each of the past two years, including vacation periods?

Past full year:

Year before:

Explain the reason(s) for the absences:

- (e) List the 10 most recent jury cases tried before you. For each case, indicate the case number and title and identify the attorneys involved. Provide a current telephone number for each attorney.

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- (f) List the 10 most recent non-jury cases tried before you. For each case, indicate the case number and title and identify the attorneys involved. Provide a current telephone number for each attorney.

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- (g) List the most recent matters, excluding the jury and non-jury cases cited in # 27(e) and (f) above, in which you ruled on a contested motion or presided at a settlement which disposed of the case, and identify the attorneys involved. For each case, indicate the case number and title and identify the attorneys involved. Provide a current telephone number for each attorney.

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- (h) If you deem it helpful to the Merit Selection Panel, list any cases during your judicial career in addition to those listed in #27(e), (f), and (g) above, where you believe your judicial service has been significant. For each case, indicate the case number and title and identify the attorneys involved. Provide a current telephone number for each attorney.

- (i) List each case during the past six years where you made an appointment of any trustee, receiver, guardian, custodian, or other judicial officer. For each case, indicate the case number and title, the name of the appointee, and identify the attorneys involved. Provide a current telephone number for each attorney.

- (j) List each Supreme or Appellate Court citation, or attach an 8 1/2" x 11" copy of the opinion, of all cases heard by you that have been reviewed during the last six years.

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	Appellate or Supreme Court No. or Citation _____
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- (k) Has the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board ever filed a complaint concerning you with the Illinois Courts Commission?

If yes, use a separate attachment to describe each complaint. Include the complaint number, its date, the nature of the complaint, the facts and circumstances of the matter, and the disposition.

- (l) Has your conduct ever been the subject of inquiry or criticism to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board?

If yes, state the details on a separate attachment and provide copies of all documents received or sent from the Judicial Inquiry Board.

- (m) Has your judicial conduct ever been the subject of complaint to or by any bar association or committee, any public officer or any administrative office or agency (other than the Judicial Inquiry Board)?

If yes, use a separate attachment to describe each complaint. Include the entity to which the complaint was made, the date, the nature of the complaint, the facts and circumstances of the matter, the disposition thereof, and the names and current phone numbers of any attorneys involved in the complaint or in any resulting proceedings.

- (n) Have you ever been the subject of an inquiry, disciplined, or had a complaint filed against you as an employer, supervisor, or fellow employee where the inquiry, discipline or complaint involved allegations that you discriminated against a person?

If yes, use a separate attachment to fully state the facts and circumstances.

- (o) Have you (as a judicial officer) ever been disciplined or censured by any court or disciplinary body (other than previously described)?

If yes, use a separate attachment to describe the details of such discipline or censure, including the dates, facts and circumstances of the matter, the names of the parties involved and the disposition thereof.

- (p) Has your judicial conduct ever been commended or criticized by a reviewing court?

If yes, provide the case name, court, citation, and attach an 8½" x 11" copy of the opinion and, if you deem it appropriate to comment, explain or amplify.

- (q) Has your judicial conduct during the past six years, been the subject of favorable, unfavorable or other comments in the media?

If yes, provide details on a separate attachment giving the particulars of each comment and include an 8½" x 11" copy of any applicable newspaper clippings.

- (r) To your knowledge, has your judicial conduct ever been the subject of investigation by federal, state, or local authorities?

If yes, provide details of the facts and circumstances of each such investigation on a separate attachment.

Please Note:

All candidates must complete, sign and return the authorization forms relating to disciplinary and grievance matters.

PART D - PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

28. (a) Has your license or right to practice before or in any state, court, agency, or other tribunal ever been denied, revoked or suspended?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

- (b) Have you ever been formally censured, adjudged or held in contempt or otherwise disciplined by any judge, court, agency, or other tribunal?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

- (c) Has your professional conduct or ability ever been the subject of comment, favorable or unfavorable, in a written opinion of any judge, court, or other tribunal?

If yes, attach an 8½" x 11" copy of the opinion and provide any facts and circumstances you feel appropriate on a separate attachment.

29. (a) Has your professional conduct or ability ever been the subject of any criticism or complaint filed or made to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission or the Judicial Inquiry Board of Illinois or any similar agency of another state (other than as previously described)?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

- (b) Has your professional conduct or ability ever been the subject of any criticism or complaint with or made to any similar authority of any other court or state?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

- (c) Has your professional conduct or ability ever been the subject of any criticism or complaint by or made to any bar association or committee thereof?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

30. Have you ever been or, to your knowledge, are you now the subject of any investigation by any federal, state, or local authorities?

If yes, provide details of the facts and circumstances of each such investigation on a separate attachment.

31. Have you ever been the subject of an inquiry, disciplined, or had a complaint filed against you as an employer, supervisor, or fellow employee where the inquiry, discipline or complaint involved allegations that you discriminated against a person?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

32. Have you ever sued or been sued by a client?

If yes, provide fully, on a separate attachment, the facts and circumstances, the court and case number, names, addresses and current phone numbers of your attorney and all other counsel, and the disposition of the matter.

33. Have you ever been a party to or otherwise been personally involved in any litigation (other than as counsel)?

If yes provide, on a separate attachment, the name of the court, case number and name, the nature of the case and the circumstances of your involvement, the names and current phone numbers of your attorney and any attorney representing an interest adverse to yours, and the disposition of the matter.

34. (a) Have you ever been the subject of a favorable, unfavorable or other comment in the media?

If yes, provide details on a separate attachment giving the particulars of each comment and include an 8½" x 11" copy of any applicable newspaper clippings.

- (b) To your knowledge, have you ever been accused of any wrongful conduct by any party or witness in any civil or criminal trial?

If yes, fully state the facts and circumstances using a separate attachment.

Please Note:

All candidates must complete, sign and return the authorization forms relating to disciplinary and grievance matters.

PART E - PERSONAL AND JUDICIAL REFERENCES

35. (a) At your option, provide the names and current phone numbers of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than four must be lawyers not related to you or associated with you in the practice of law or in business) who have knowledge regarding your character and ability, and state how long each has known you. Any personal references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Also, provide your relationship with the persons listed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u> <u>e.g., friend, etc.</u> <u>Acquaintance</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Length of</u>
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u> <u>e.g., friend, etc.</u> <u>Acquaintance</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Length of</u>
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- (b) Provide the names and current phone numbers of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) to whom you are not related and with whom you are not and have not been associated in the practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. Indicating by checking “A” those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies.

<u>Name of Judge</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title of Case</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>“A”</u>
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PART F - ADVERSARY REFERENCES

36. This question asks that you provide the names and current phone numbers of lawyers who have represented adverse positions in matters handled by you in the past five years. There are two categories: Litigation and Non-Litigation. Each category has space to provide the names of ten lawyers. If you had multiple matters with a listed lawyer, indicate that fact by placing an (M) next to the lawyer's name. In such instances, list no more than five additional matters or cases with dates as to each lawyer, using a separate attachment

If you have listed the names of ten lawyers in a category, you need not provide names in the other category. However, if you do, list no more than ten names in the other category.

(a) Litigation Matters:

<u>Name of Lawyer</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Case Number and Case Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
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(b) Non-Litigation Matters:

<u>Name of Lawyer</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Number and Case Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
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37. State why you personally feel qualified to hold the judicial office which you seek. Include any special professional, occupational or other experiences you have had which you feel should be considered by the Merit Selection Panel.

PART G - HEALTH

38. (a) What is your present general state of health?
- (b) Provide the name, address and current phone number of your regular or family physician.
- (c) Do you have any disability, serious illness or condition that would prevent you from performing the essential functions of the position of magistrate judge?

Please Note:

All applicants for the position of magistrate judge must complete Part G and provide a completed, signed physician's authorization and waiver form for each physician and to any other physicians listed above. You may photocopy the forms supplied.

PART H - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

39. Describe not more than six of the more significant litigated matters which you have handled and give the citations, if the cases were reported. Please provide a capsule summary of the substance of each case, and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Also provide, for each case, the dates of the trial period or periods and the names, addresses, and current phone numbers of counsel for the other parties. Use a separate attachment, if necessary.

40. Have you had administrative experience?

If yes, provide the details and be specific as to programs and numbers of people supervised and the period of such experience.

41. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial office or other public office?

If yes, provide details, including dates.

42. Are you an officer or director or otherwise engaged in management of any business enterprise?

- (a) If yes, provide details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

- (b) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprise if you are appointed as a magistrate judge?

If no, please give your reasons.

43. An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

44. Do you currently belong, or have you belonged, to any organization which discriminates on the basis of race, sex or religion -- through either formal membership requirements, or the practical implementation of membership policies?

If yes, use a separate attachment to list the organizations with dates of membership. Also provide details on what you have done to try and change these policies.

PART I - CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND FULL WAIVER

I hereby certify that the answers given by me to the foregoing questions and statements made are true and correct, without mental reservations of any kind whatsoever. If employment is obtained under this application, I will comply with all orders, rules and regulations administered by the Court. If, following appointment, anything contained in this application is found to be untrue, I understand that I will be subject to dismissal at any time during the period of my employment.

I further understand that by signing this application and submitting it along with the required authorization and waiver forms relating to disciplinary and grievance matters and authorization and waiver forms for physicians for consideration by the Merit Selection Panel, I am hereby authorizing the custodian of any records or information to permit examination or receipt of such information, whether written or oral, by the Merit Selection Panel.

I also authorize the Merit Selection Panel to contact any persons listed in the application form as well as any other persons the Panel feels necessary. I understand that all information obtained by the Merit Selection Panel will be kept confidential and used only as necessary in the Panel's performance of its duties.

DATED:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

TYPED NAME OF APPLICANT